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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 3 - 12 are in the application for consideration. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments made in the claims and the statements appearing below herein.

1. Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 8 - 12.

2. The rejection of claims 6 and 7 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite has been overcome by amending claim 6 to depend from claim 5.

3. Claims 1 and 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,138,336 ("Goto").

In addition the examiner has objected to claims 2, 3 and 5 as containing allowable subject matter but being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 1 has been amended and now includes the embodiment originally present in claim 2 which has been canceled. Claim 1, as amended, recites a device for mounting a thermal print head which is patentably distinguishable over the references of record. Claim 3

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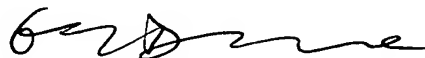
has been amended to be dependent from claim 1 and claim 4 remains dependent upon claim 1.

Reconsideration of this ground of rejection and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

4. Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form and, as amended, includes the subject matter of original claim 1. Thus, amended claim 5 is drawn to a device for mounting a thermal print head which is patentably distinguishable over the references of record.

In summary, claims 1 and 3 - 12 are in the application and have been shown to be proper in form for allowance and in substance to be directed to a wholly novel and patentable device for mounting a thermal print head and a method for aligning one or more thermal print heads to a print head assembly. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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